Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group II, with

Claims 9-17 being drawn to an apparatus combination. Applicant traverses

the restriction requirement with respect to the claims of Group I, namely,

Claims 1-8 and 18-23, in that such claims should be included with the combin-

ation of Group II. Claim 18, for example, is embodied in Claim 9 and thus

the relationship between combination and subcombination is indistinct and

the Examiner must have searched for the subcombination otherwise the combin-

ation would not have been found to be allowable, i.e., the combination as

claimed requires the particulars of the subcombination as claimed for

patentability.

Applicant does not traverse the restriction requirement between Group

III and Groups I and II, and authority to cancel same is given to the Examiner

to cancel same when all Claims 1-17 and 18-23 are allowed.

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empty spool by attaching a tape to an empty spool. The apparatus includes an elongated fixed support extending beyond edges of a web, an elongated track having opposite open ends adjacent side edges of a traveling web, a main driver roll for forwarding a cutting tape into one said open end and exiting out of another said open end, the adhesive applicator for applying a strip of double-sided pressure sensitive adhesive to a cutting tape surface, a brake section mounted on the track and spacedly positioned beyond the sensor for frictionally engaging the cutting tape to assist in controlling its movement, and a curved section positioned at the another open end of the track having a configuration for receiving the cutting tape from the brake section and inverting it to position a pressure sensitive adhesive on the lower surface of a cutting tape upwardly and to be fed to a nip formed between an empty spool and a web driving spool, and the curved section has a supporting member for supporting its configuration.